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SUBJECT: SSOD: EC-9 DRAFT STATEMENT

1. IN COURSE OF BARTON GROUP MEETING ON SSOD, FRG DEL PROVIDED US ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS WITH ADVANCE COPY OF THE DRAFT STATEMENT WHICH DANISH MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO LISE OSTERGAARD WILL READ TO THE SPECIAL SESSION PLENARY ON MAY 25 ON BEHALF OF THE EC-9. FRG DEL EMPHASIZED THAT THIS IS AN AD REFERENDUM TEXT, BUT ADDED HIS ASSESSMENT THAT THIS IS VERY CLOSE TO THE FINAL TEXT. ON BASIS OF THE REPORT HE RECEIVED FROM BONN, HE SAID THAT THE UK, FRG AND FRANCE HAD MAJOR INPUT, ASSURING A RELATIVELY RESTRAINED AND MODERATE TONE FOR THE TEXT.

2. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT EC-9 STATEMENT.
BEGIN TEXT. "SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE NINE COUNTRIES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMITTEE I WISH TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

- (1) THIS SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT TAKES PLACE AGAINST THE SOMBRE BACKGROUND OF A CONTINUING ARMS RACE. THE PRESENT VEL OF ARMAMENTS AND THE CONTINUING BUILD-UP OF NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL WEAPON CAPABILITIES
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CONTRIBUTE TO A CLIMATE OF INSTABILITY AND POSE A POTENTIAL THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY.
- (2) TWICE IN THIS CENTURY EUROPE HAS BEEN RAVAGED BY WAR. THE DECISION TO CREATE THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY WAS ITSELF IN PART A RESPONSE TO THAT GRIM EXPERIENCE. IT REFLECTED A WILL TO MOVE AWAY FROM OLD RIVALRIES TOWARDS RECONCILIATION AND CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATION. OUR WISH TO

PROMOTE DETENTE IN OUR OWN PART OF THE WORLD HAS FOUND EXPRESSION IN OUR JOINT CONTRIBUTION TO THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE. THE FINAL ACT OF THAT CONFERENCE REPRESENTS A UNIQUE ENDEAVOUR TO TRANSLATE THE GENERAL CONCEPT OF DETENTE INTO A CONCRETE PROGRAMM OF ACTION.

- (3) THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY IS COMPRISED OF COUNTRIES LOCATED IN AN AREA OF THE WORLD OF THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE IN AN EAST-WEST CONTEXT. IT IS THEREFORE OBVIOUS THAT THE INTEREST OF THE NINE IN THE DISARMAMENT FIELD IS BOUND TO FOCUS PARTICULARLY ON THE STRENGTHENING OF SECURITY IN EUROPE BY ESTABLISHING A MORE STABLE RELATIONSHIP AT A LOWER LEVEL OF MILITARY POTENTIAL.

- (4) BEYOND OUR PARTICULAR EUROPEAN CONCERNS THE NINE SHARE A COMMON INTEREST WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE IN SEEING DETENTE TRANSLATED INTO AN INCREASINGLY INDIVISIBLE AND UNIVERSAL PROCESS. IN OUR RELATIONS WITH OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD OUR POLICIES ARE, IN THE SAME WAY, DIRECTED TOWARDS DEVELOPING CLOSER TIES AND NEW LINKS OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. IN LINE WITH THIS OUTWARD LOOKING CHARACTER OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, THE NINE HAVE ACTIVELY WORKED TO CONTRIBUTE TO PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS OF PROBLEMS IN OTHER AREAS OF THE WORLD.

- (5) IT IS AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND THAT TODAY I WISH TO AFFIRM THE COMMON WILL OF OUR COUNTRIES TO CONTRIBUTE ACTIVELY TOWARDS ATTAINING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE SPECIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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SESSION IN THE FIELD OF ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT.

- (6) OUR PEOPLES ARE TIRED OF RHETORIC AND PROPAGANDA. THEY EXPECT THE SPECIAL SESSION TO LEAD TO TANGIBLE RESULTS BY STIMULATING FURTHER EFFORTS AND SPEEDIER PROGRESS IN INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS

- (7) THE NINE REGARD IT AS ESSENTIAL THAT THE GROWING INTERNATIONAL CONSENSUS ON THE PRESSING NEED FOR JOINT EFFORTS NOW BY ALL STATES TO HALT AND REVERSE THE SPIRALING ARMS RACE SHOULD BE REFLECTED IN A CONSENSUS DOCUMENT WHICH WOULD CARRY WEIGHT AS A BASIC TEXT TO STIMULATE FUTURE DISARMAMENT EFFORTS AND BE SEEN AS SUCH BY WORLD OPINION. WE HAVE MADE A MAJOR EFFORT TO PROMOTE CONSENSUS. WE HOPE THAT OTHERS WILL DISPLAY SIMILAR REALISM.

- (8) AMONG THE PRINCIPLES WHICH SHOULD BE RECORDED IN THE DECLARATION ON DISARMAMENT THE NINE ATTACH SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO THE DIRECT INTERRELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND NATIONAL SECURITY INCLUDING THE INHERENT RIGHT OF STATES TO SELF-DEFENCE. PROPERLY VERIFIED DISARMAMENT, BY ENHANCING STABILITY, ITSELF CONTRIBUTES TO THE SECURITY OF ALL NATIONS. MEASURES OF ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT SHOULD BE BALANCED TO ENSURE THAT THE

SECURITY OF ALL STATES INVOLVED IS ENHANCED AND THAT NO STATE OR GROUP OF STATES CAN GAIN MILITARY ADVANTAGES AT ANY STAGE OF THE DISARMAMENT PROCESS. FOR THIS PURPOSE, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT DISARMAMENT AGREEMENTS SHOULD PROVIDE FOR ADEQUATE AND EFFECTIVE MEASURES OF VERIFICATION. THE GOAL IS GREATER SECURITY AT A LOWER LEVEL OF ARMAMENTS AND MILITARY FORCES.

- (9) ON THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION I WISH TO MAKE THE

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FOLLOWING POINTS:

- (10) THE MAIN EMPHASIS IN THE PROGRAMME SHOULD BE ON CONCRETE, REALISTIC MEASURES WHICH HAVE A REASONABLE CHANCE OF BEING COMPLETED OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS. IN ADDITION, THE PROGRAMME COULD PREPARE FOR MORE FAR-REACHING ACTION AT A LATER STAGE.
- (11) MEASURES TO CURB AND REVERSE THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE IN ITS QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE DIMENSIONS ARE OF PRIMORDIAL IMPORTANCE, TOGETHER WITH MEASURES DESIGNED TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS WHILE FACILITATING ACCESS TO PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY. IN PARALLEL, ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN ON A REGIONAL AND MULTILATERAL BASIS WITH A VIEW TO LIMITING AND REDUCING THE WORLDWIDE BUILD-UP OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS AND ARMED FORCES.
- (12) IMPLEMENTATION OF DISARMAMENT MEASURES CAN RESULT IN THE RELEASE OF RESOURCES TO BE DEVOTED TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF ALL PEOPLES AND TO NARROWING THE ECONOMIC GAP BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. LET ME RECALL, MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT THE NINE ACCOUNT FOR MORE THAN 40 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL

DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES IN EAST AND WEST. ACCORDINGLY, THE NINE SUPPORT AMONG OTHER THINGS THE PROPOSAL FOR AN IN-DEPTH STUDY ON
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THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS PUT FORWARD BY THE AD HOC GROUP OF EXPERTS CONCERNING THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE SAID STUDY.

- (13) ALSO THE GENERAL CONCEPT OF CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES CONTAINED IN THE FINAL ACT OF THE CSCE, SUCH AS PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF MILITARY MANOEUVRES AND THE INVITATION OF OBSERVERS MIGHT - IF APPLIED IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD AND ADAPTED TO REGIONAL CONDITIONS -CONTRIBUTE TO A CLIMATE OF GREATER INTERNATIONAL CONFIDENCE.

- (14) FINALLY, CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING FURTHER USE OF MODERN TECHNOLOGY, INCLUDING OBSERVATION SATELLITES, IN THE PROCESS OF INTERNATIONAL VERIFICATION OF DISARMAMENT AGREEMENTS.

- (15) IN THE FIELD OF MACHINERY THE PROBLEM SEEMS TO BE TO RECONCILE CONSIDERATIONS OF EFFICIENCY WITH THE DESIRE TO DRAW ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS INTO DELIBERATIONS ON DISARMAMENT MATTERS.

THERE SEEMS TO BE AN EMERGING VIEW IN FAVOUR OF HAVING BOTH A NEGOTIATING BODY OF LIMITED SIZE AND OPERATING BY CONSENSUS AND A DELIBERATIVE BODY OPEN TO THE WHOLE MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNITED NATIONS. AT ALL EVENTS, THE NINE FEEL THAT THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED IN THE DISARMAMENT FIELD. THIS SHOULD INCLUDE INTENSIFIED EFFORTS WITHIN THE FIELD OF RESEARCH.

- (16) ASSUMING THAT AGREEMENT IS REACHED ON A REALISTIC AND GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE PROGRAMME OF ACTION ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE FOLLOW-UP SO THAT THE SPECIAL SESSION WOULD BE THE STARTING-POINT OF A PROCESS IN WHICH AGREED OBJECTIVES IN THE DISARMAMENT FIELD ARE REVIEWED AND UPDATED IN THE LIGHT OF PROGRESS ACHIEVED. THIS COULD TAKE THE FORM OF A
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SECOND SPECIAL SESSION DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME. HOPEFULLY THIS WOULD GENERATE CONTINUING PRESSURE FOR PRODUCTIVE NEGOTIATIONS ON SUBSTANCE.

(17) MR. CHAIRMAN, DISARMAMENT, WOULD SECURITY, AND DETENTE ARE CLOSELY INTERRELATED. THE ISSUES WE ARE

DEALING WITH RAISE COMPLEX AND FAR-REACHING PROBLEMS.

- (18) I WISH TO RECORD THE COMMON CONVICTION OF THE NINE THAT THERE IS AN ALTERNATIVE TO AN UNRESTRAINED COSTLY AND DESTABILIZING ARMS RACE. THE NINE STRONGLY FEEL THAT A DISARMAMENT PROCESS SHOULD GO HAND IN HAND WITH A SUSTAINED EFFORT TO ELIMINATE THE SOURCES OF TENSION AND INJUSTICE IN THE WORLD.

- (19) INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY, THE NINE HAVE CONTRIBUTED ACTIVELY TO THE PREPARATORY DISCUSSIONS IN ADVANCE OF THE SPECIAL SESSION. THEY WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO DURING THE SPECIAL SESSION ITSELF. END TEXT.
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